



**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**1:00pm, Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom call due to COVID-19 Pandemic  
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to order**

Present: Council members Pounds, Smith, and Streetman

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Pitts, Asst. Director Asero

**2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – March 5, 2020**

Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2020 meeting, and Council Member Smith seconded the motion.

**3. Citizens' Comments – none**

**4. Department Reports – Director Pitts and Assistant Director Asero**

Director Pitts reported that vehicle maintenance costs were over budget for the month. He said that household garbage pickups were heavier in March than in April, and yard debris and miscellaneous garbage pickups were much higher in April since everyone was home doing projects and working in the yard.

Asst. Director Asero reported on numerous drainage issues that have been cleared recently, including 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> Avenues. He said the project of pipe replacement on Ocean Boulevard is nearly complete and should be done by next week. In addition to basic facilities maintenance, he said staff has been working on maintaining the Front Beach restrooms.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Update on Phase III Drainage Project and small internal projects**

Administrator Fragoso reported the small internal projects have been fully permitted and will be ready to go out to bid in a month. She expects construction to start early August. She does not expect any of these projects to impact beach parking and will schedule the project without weekend work. The project should take 60-90 days to complete.

She also reported that the Phase III Drainage Project awaits permitting from the Army Corps of Engineers. It should be ready for bid by November with construction to begin early next year and be completed in 6-9 months. She noted the contract with Thomas & Hutton did not include

bidding or construction services as that can be handled inhouse, but the City will ask them to oversee the project, similar to an owner's representative.

The inclusion of improvement to the multiuse path in the Phase III Drainage Project still needs to be studied by Thomas & Hutton before a final price can be determined. Administrator Fragoso is to meet with Thomas & Hutton this week about it, and if possible, she will include the study expense on next week's Ways & Means Committee meeting agenda.

Staff will reach back out to the company who planned to grind down some of the exposed tree roots to make it safer in the meantime.

**B. Update on IOP Connector and sidewalk extension project**

Assistant Director Asero said this project is in a holding pattern at the moment due to the shutdown. Administrator Fragoso said they are looking for lower costs options and alternative funding for beautifying the area.

**6. New Business**

**A. Consideration of RFP for city-wide landscaping services**

Administrator Fragoso reported that The Greenery, the company currently responsible for the city-wide landscaping services, indicated they are not interested in renewing their contract with the City at the current rate. Director Pitts stated he has been very disappointed in their services. Administrator Fragoso said an RFP will be ready for posting by the end of the week. Council Member Smith asked that the RFP be shared on the City's social media.

**B. Preliminary discussion of outsourcing household garbage collection services**

Council Member Pounds stated, "Since we are live and on the record, let me just go on the record. I have no agenda with this topic. Coming off of our budget workshop 3, we threw a lot of things on the table or on the wall to look at, to try and do things different, maybe more efficient, maybe cost savings, maybe not. But until we look at the data, until we look at some information, we are not going to know that."

Discussion ensued about the best way to compare like services and costs with other companies. Council Member Pounds said this is only research at this point to help analyze the costs of the collection of household garbage, yard debris, and dumpster pickup.

**7. Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 8:00am.

**8. Adjournment**

Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk

# **Public Comment For City Meetings**

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**Comments for Council Meeting**

Just a question on the removal of Palm trees. What are you doing with them? I'm a senior, limited income, fighting cancer and would love a couple for my yard for therapy of seeing something beautiful every morning. Dont want them just chopped down. I love them. Please email me at Nanatimbecca@yahoo.com on your decisions

**Meeting This Comment is Intended For:**

Public Works Committee